**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT**: (*a*) 27-8-1937.

(*b*) 21-9-1937. Action for the acquisition of lands has been taken and the appointment of temporary staff for the execution of work ordered. Tenders have been invited, but the contract has not been settled as the question of using treated timber for the bridge is under correspondence with the Director of Development.

(*c*) (i) Constructing a bridge across the spillway.
(ii) Opening an outlet channel.
(iii) Constructing groynes.
(iv) Widening canals and rivers leading to the spillway.

*Collection of tolls by Government.*

239. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of P W. D main toll gates and the sub-toll gates in the State; and

(*b*) whether they have considered the question of conducting the collection of tolls by their employees without giving the right of collection to private agencies, and, if so, the result of the same?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT**: (*a*) 27 main toll gates and 55 sub-toll gates.

(*b*) No.

*Collections from Tourists.*

240. ***MR. M. G. MATTHEW** (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount if any paid by the Companies of tourists or by their agents on their behalf to the Government;

(*b*) whether the tourists contemplated in the above part were treated as State Guests in Travancore; and

(*c*) if so, the amount spent by the Government on these tourists?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN**: (*a*) Sr. Rs. 14,835-4-13.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise.

**MR. M. G. MATTHEW**: May I know to which account these amounts have been credited?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN**: The item under which it has been credited is not available with me now.

**PRESIDENT**: The Financial Secretary may supply that information if it is in his possession.

**MR. K. J. CHERIYAN** (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): Under the State Guests Department.

**MR. M. G. MATTHEW**: May I know for what purpose those amounts have been received.

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN** When a tourist party arrives, an estimate is made for the probable expenditure including travelling, catering, guides, etc. A bill is presented and they pay the money.

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**MR. M. G. MATTHEW:** May I know what department attends to these needs?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN:** The State Guests Department.

**MR. M. G. MATTHEW:** May I know what was the amount spent by the department for these tourists?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN:** It is said in the answer that an amount of Rs. 14,835-4-13 has been received and the probable saving has been calculated at about Rs. 3,000. So the difference between the two has been spent on them.

**MR. M. G. MATTHEW:** With reference to answer to part (*a*) may I know what amount has been spent by the Government on these tourists?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN:** Out of Rs. 14,000 odd about Rs. 11,000 has been spent.

**MR. K. T. THOMAS:** May I know how many touring parties visited this State during the last year?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN:** 7 parties of tourists.

**MR. P. K. KUNJU** (*Quilon* Cum *Kottarakara*) :അവർ എവിടെയാണ് താമസിച്ചതെന്ന പറയാമോ?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN:** അവർ പോയിട്ടുള്ള സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലെല്ലാം താമസിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തു മസ്കാട്ട് ഹോട്ടലിലും ക്ലിഫ് ഹൌസിലും, ലിൻഗഴ്സ്റ്റ് ബംഗ്ലാവിലും താമസിച്ചു. ഇടപ്പാളയത്തു പോയപ്പോൾ അവിടെയുള്ള കൃഷ്ണഷെഡ്ഡിൽ താമസിച്ചു.

**MR. P. K. KUNJU:** തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തു് അവർ എവിടെയാണ് താമസിച്ചതെന്ന പറയാമൊ?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN:** അത് നെപ്പററി ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞു. മസ്ക്കാട്ടുഹോട്ടലിലും ക്ലിഫ്ഹൌസിലും താമസിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

**MR. P. K. KUNJU:** അവരിൽനിന്ന വല്ല വാടകയും ഈടാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN:** അവരിൽ ആരെയും തന്നെ സ്റ്റേറു് ഗസ്റ്റായി സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടില്ല.

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**MR. C. O. MADHAVAN:** The member is refered to the answers to interpellation No. 240

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